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The following is a listing and description of installations at Warszawa Bemowo Airfield and surrounding areas. All dimensions and distances are approximate unless otherwise stated. (For general locations see page 11; for details of airfield and surrounding areas see Enclosure.)

1. Runway, concrete, dimensions unknown, runway lights.
2. Runway, same as Pt. 1.
3. Taxi Strip, concrete, 15 meters wide, length unknown.
4. Jet Aircraft Firing Range; dirt built up area, 80-100 meters long, 20 meters wide. There was a concrete apron on front of firing range. [redacted] on many occasions [redacted] MIG-15 aircraft at this firing range. These aircraft were either towed or taxied to the firing range. [redacted] firing in the following manner: There were about six or eight short blasts with about a two-second pause between rounds, then a three-minute pause before firing would start again. [redacted] this was not machinegun fire. The blasts of this firing could be heard about two kilometers from firing range.
5. Entrance
6. Concrete Wall, 3 1/2 to 4 meters high, 20 meters long, 16 centimeters thick. Wall served as a backstop for firing range, Pt. 4.

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7. Guard Shack, brick, length unknown. 12 meters wide, 12 meters high, with flat type roof. [redacted] guards around this shack and stated that it was a barrack used for guards, serving their tour of duty. The tour of guards duty was 24 hours, beginning at 1900. They worked 2 on and 4 off. 25X1
8. Building, use unknown. White painted brick, 12 x 6 x 12 meters, with shed-type roof, having small barred windows. One guard was observed patrolling around building armed with a PM WZ: 41 type weapon, using 7.62 ammunition, 35 rounds to a magazine, carried reserve of 2 magazines.
9. Unknown Construction, 1m x 1m x 1m 40 centimeters, with round glass dome. [redacted] this construction contained the runway light switches. 25X1
10. Lights, 6 indicated on sketch, but there were more; exact number unknown. Lights were red, green and amber in color, and believed to be landing approach lights. Lights were 40 centimeters high and 120 meters from fence, Pt. 11.
11. Barbed Wire Fence, 1½ meters high. Fencing [redacted] indicated on sketch. 25X1
12. Entrance, barbed wire, 12 meters wide, 1½ meters high. Entrance was not in use. 25X1
13. Plowed Area, 400 meters East to West, 300 meters North to South. This area was cleared of its trees in the autumn of 1953. [redacted] in August 1954, there was no construction activity in progress. [redacted] it could be a possible airfield extension area. 25X1 25X1
14. Railroad Track, single track, European standard guage; [redacted] lead northeast to Modlin (N 52-26, E 20-41) [redacted] rail route to south [redacted] approximate direction on sketch. 25X1
15. Marshy Area.
16. Dirt Road, 6 meters wide, 1800 meters long from fence, Pt. 11, to road, Pt. 17.
17. Road, cobble stone, 10-12 meters wide, fair condition.
18. Entrance to Fort, 12 meters wide, mesh or barbed wire, 160 centimeters high. One armed guard, armed with a PM WZ 41 type weapon was observed at this point.
19. Fence, barbed wire, 1.60 meters high, enclosed fort area; 1800 meters East to West, 800 meters north to south on west side, and 2000 meters north to south on east side.
20. Fort. [redacted] this fort was an air force small arms ammunition and bomb storage. Name of fort unknown. No further information. 25X1
21. Guard Shack, wood, 1 meter x 1 meter. One armed KBW (Internal Security Corps) guard was observed in shack.
22. Unknown Building, brick, 15 meters x 10 meters x 6 meters with gable-type roof.

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23. Dependent Quarters - approximately six two-story buildings in this area. Dimensions of buildings unknown. Each building housed about 20 families, both NCOs and officers.
24. Railroad Line, single track, European standard gauge; led east to the airfield and west to railroad track, Pt. 14.
25. Railroad Line, under construction and believed to be a rail spur.
26. Fence, barbed wire, 1.60 meters, 700 meters long, 450 meters wide. Enclosed underground fuel storage area, Pt. 27.
27. Underground Fuel Storage. [redacted] fuel trucks entering and leaving this area. Amounts and types of fuel stored unknown. There were many small shacks in fuel area [redacted] were pumping stations. Bushes and trees afforded natural camouflage. The entire fuel area was well camouflaged by natural growth. No further information. 25X1
28. Building, 20 x 12 x 10 meters, with flat type roof. Use unknown. One armed air force guard was observed patrolling around building and guarding entrance, Pt. 29.
29. Entrance, wire mesh gate, topped with barbed wire, 8 meters wide, 160 centimeters high.
30. Open Area. Dimensions on memory sketch. This area was covered by small natural growth.
31. Unknown Construction. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] a low shack on top of which was a large circular metallic object. [redacted] this object was lying horizontally on top of the shack and revolved, omitting a humming noise which could be heard from a distance of 900 meters. [redacted] small pickup trucks with square boxed trailers and many military personnel in this area. This point was about 1600 meters from barrack, Pt. 32. No further information. 25X1
32. Barrack, wood, 40 x 20 x 8 meters with tar paper covered gable type roof. This barrack housed military personnel.
33. Barrack. Same description as Pt. 32.
34. Barrack, same description as Pt. 32.
35. Barrack, same description as Pt. 32. [redacted] there were more barracks in this area than indicated on sketch. [redacted] there were about eight. 25X1
36. Fence, wire mesh topped with barbed wire. [redacted] part indicated on the sketch. 25X1
37. Guard Shack, wood, large enough for one person to stand in. Shack was painted with red and white stripes. One armed guard was observed at shack.
38. Small Arms Firing Range. Firing range was located about 200 meters from barracks, Pt. 32. Firing range accommodated three persons at one time.

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39. Religious Cross, next to railroad track, Pt. 24.
40. Densely Wooded Area.
41. Road, crushed rock, 10 meters wide, very poor condition. Road was 2 kilometers long from fuel storage, Pt. 27, to airfield.
42. Entrance to Airfield, wire mesh gate, topped with barbed wire, 8 meters wide, 1.60 meters high.
43. Trolley Line Turn Table.
44. Dependent Housing Area. This area, consisting of approximately 10 houses, housed Polish Air Force officers and their dependents. These homes were formerly privately owned.
45. Dependent Housing Area. There were about 20 homes in this area. Polish Air Force officers and their dependents.
46. Dependent Housing Building, 3-story, brick, 60 meters x 20 meters, with red tile gabled roof. Building housed officers and their dependents.
47. Dependent Housing Building - same description as Pt. 46. This building also contained an Air Force Canteen. In the area of Pts. 46 and 47, there were one or two additional buildings of the same type. All buildings were constructed in 1952.
48. Thinly Wooded Area.
49. Barracks, 6-7 buildings, 2-story, red brick, 50 meters x 25 meters, with red tile covered roof. [redacted] only one building was completed and occupied by air force personnel. The other 5 or 6 were undergoing finishing touches. 25X1
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50. Road, continuation of road, Pt. 17.
51. Road, asphalt, 12 meters wide, in good condition. A trolley line led parallel and adjacent to this road.
52. Transformer Station, covering an area of 50 x 50 meters. [redacted] 25X1
53. Building, brick, 25 meters x 20 meters x 10 meters, with red tile gabled roof. Contained the housing office for military personnel.
54. Dependent Housing Area. Approximately 10 buildings, 3 or 4 story, stucco, 150 meters x 50 meters, with gable type roof. These buildings were occupied by the Soviet officers, and Polish officers who were Party members and their dependents. The commander and deputy commander of the Military Technical Academy lived in this area. Both were Soviet and held the rank of major general.
55. Central Heating Plant, red brick 80 meters x 40 meters x 20 meters with flat type roof. The chimney on this building was 25 to 30 meters high with red obstruction lights at the top. There was a large coal pile on the east side of this building. The plant furnished heat for buildings, Pt. 52 to 66 inclusive.

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56. Commissary and PX, two-story, red brick, 80 meters x 10 meters with red tile gabled roof.
57. Building, 4 stories, red brick, 100 meters x 20 meters, with red tile gabled roof. This building housed students from the Military Technical Academy.
58. Building, 4 stories, red brick 80 meters x 20 meters, with red tile gabled roof. This building housed the teaching staff and their dependents from the Military Technical Academy.
59. School, brick, 40 meters x 40 meters x 5 meters, with red tile deck-type roof. This was a kindergarden for officers children.
60. Hospital, 2 story, brick, 40 meters long from North to south, 60 meters long from east to west, 20 meters wide, with red tile gabled roof. Sixty-bed capacity. Military Technical Academy Hospital.
61. Foundation, brick, dimensions unknown. [redacted] this was to be a school building of the Military Technical Academy. 25X1
62. Building, 3-story, brick, 100 meters x 20 meters, with red tile, gabled roof. This building contained an officer's club, Casino, Technical Library, Photo Lab, Map Reproduction Room, Radio Communications Center, and Living Quarters for about 15 officers. [redacted] 25X1
63. Building, 4-story, red brick, 100 meters x 20 meters, with red tile gabled roof. This building billeted civilian personnel from the Military Technical Academy and also contained a Post Office, Warszawa No. 49.
64. Building, same description and use as Pt. 63, with exception of Post Office.
65. Building, same description and use as Pt. 63.
66. Military Technical Academy Headquarters, 3 story, brick, 80 meters long from north to south, east to west dimensions unknown; width unknown; red tile gabled roof. Sign reading WAT/IMIENJA JAROSLAWA DOMBROWSKIEGO (Military Technical Academy in the name of JAROSLAWA DOMBROWSKIEGO) was located on the front side of building.
67. Entrance, wire mesh gate, 5 meters wide.
68. Entrance, wire mesh gate, 5 meters wide.
69. Entrance, wire mesh gate, 8 meters wide.
70. Entrance, wire mesh gate, 5 meters wide.
71. Fort Bema. [redacted] about 6 AAA pieces on the Fort. 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
72. Barrack's, approximately 4 or 5 buildings, wood, 50 meters x 20 meters x 5 meters, tar paper covered gabled roof. [redacted] these barracks were occupied by a military unit on duty at Fort Bema, Pt. 71. 25X1
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73. Gates, wire mesh, topped with barbed wire, 6 meters wide. Located on each side of road, these gates afforded entry and exit for tanks from the Military Technical Academy.

Note: Points 74 through 103 concern the Military Technical Academy. There are approximately 2/3 of the buildings indicated on the sketch.

The Academy area was enclosed by a barbed wire fence, 1 1/2 meters high. Upon graduation, students received commissions (Lieutenant or Warrant Officer) in the Air Force or Army. The Academy area was approximately 2 kilometers East to West, 2 kilometers North to South on the West side, length of East side unknown.

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74. Aircraft; 3-4 aircraft, believed to be IL-2s, were observed in this area. These aircraft were covered with tarpaulin and were used for training purposes in courses conducted at the Academy. No further information.
75. Building, stucco, 50 meters x 30 meters x 5 meters, with gable type roof. This building to be a warehouse. One armed guard was observed patrolling around building.
76. Building, red brick 12 meters x 10 meters x 4 meters, with a deck-type roof. This building was a vehicular control point. The Officer of the Day was also located in this building. There was an entrance to this point from road, Pt. 50.
77. Guard Shack, red brick, L-shaped, 20 meters long from North to South, 15 meters long from East to West, 12 meters wide, 5 meters high, with tile gabled roof. Guards used this guard shack during their tour of duty.
78. Warehouse, grey brick, 70 meters x 40 meters x 4 meters, with tar paper covered gable type roof. This was a supply warehouse for the Academy.
79. Swimming Pool, 50 meters x 25 meters.
80. School Building, 3 story, grey brick, 60 meters x 20 meters, with tile gabled roof. Artillery courses were conducted in building.
81. Warehouse, same description as Pt. 78.
82. School Building, 3 story, brick, 80 meters x 20 meters with tile gabled roof. Building was used for teaching of communications courses.
83. School Building, 3 story, brick, 60 meters x 20 meters with tile gabled roof. This building was used for teaching of radio and codes.
84. Building Foundations; area under construction, 300 meters x 300 meters.
85. Barracks, 3 story, brick, 80 meters x 30 meters with tile gabled roof. Permanent Party personnel occupied this barrack.
86. School Building, 3 story, brick, 100 meters x 40 meters with tile gabled roof. Tank and Artillery courses were taught in this building.

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87. Recreational Field, 500 meters x 500 meters.
88. Gas Station, a small refueling point for trucks and cars. No further information.
89. Garage, vehicle shelter, open at sides and ends, shed type roof, 60 meters x 15 meters x 4 meters.
90. School Building stucco, 60 meters x 20 meters x 4 meters, with tile gabled roof. Radio and telephonic courses were conducted in this building.
91. School Building, 3 story, stucco, 80 meters x 25 meters, with tile gabled roof. Communications courses were conducted in building. Also housed the school offices.
92. Building, 2 and 3 story, stucco, 70 meters x 30 meters with tile gabled roof. This building contained student mess, photo lab, technical library and canteen.
93. Building, stucco, 60 meters x 30 meters x 6 meters, with gable type roof. Housed the academy laboratory.
94. Black Smith Shop, brick, 30 meters x 12 meters x 4 meters with gable type roof.
95. Coal Piles.
96. Central Heating Plant, red brick, 60 meters x 30 meters x 4 meters; chimney was 25 meters high with red obstruction lights on top. Plant furnished heating for academy building.
97. Building, under construction at time of observation, quonset shaped, steel frame. No further information.
98. Warehouse, stucco, 50 meters x 20 meters x 4 meters, with gable type roof. This was a uniform warehouse.
99. Warehouse, red brick, 30 meters x 10 meters x 4 meters, with gable type roof. Ammunition and small arms were stored in this warehouse.
100. Building, red brick, 6 meters x 6 meters x 4 meters, with red tile covered deck type roof. This was a pass control building.
101. Building, stucco, 60 meters x 20 meters x 4 meters, with shed type roof. Automotive courses were taught in this building.
102. Building, stucco, 60 meters x 20 meters x 4 meters, with gable type roof. Use unknown.
103. Tanks. T-34, 85 mm, JS-2-122 mm, SU 122 mm, SU 85 mm. there were about 12 such tanks in this area. Tanks were used for training purposes. The training area for tanks was South of Pt. 31. Tanks traveled to training area via exit Pt. 73.
104. Rail Line. Single track, European Standard Gauge.
105. Underground Storage, 50 meters x 50 meters. Entire area topped with a 3 meter high mound of earth, grass and shrub covered. An armed guard was observed patrolling this area. Contents unknown.

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106. Airfield Road, asphalt, 12 meters wide, in good condition.
107. Control Tower, glass dome on top. Other constructional and dimensional data unknown.
108. Hangar, construction and dimensions unknown; seen from distance only. [redacted] 4 MIG-15 Aircraft parked in front of hangar. 25X1
109. Taxi Strip, concrete, dimensions unknown.
110. Hangar, construction and dimensions unknown. Observed from distance only. [redacted] this hangar contained workshops. 25X1
111. Hangar, construction and dimensions unknown. MIG-15 Aircraft observed parked in front of hangar, number unknown.
112. Hangar, same as Pt. 111.
113. Hangar, same as Pt. 111. [redacted] there were other hangars in the area [redacted] 25X1
114. Trolley Tracks, paralleled road, Pt. 51, and then led as indicated to turntable, Pt. 43, and turn table, Pt. 118.
115. Bridge, steel, 15 meters long, 6 meters wide. Trolley line bridge which spanned railroad line, Pt. 116.
116. Railroad Line, double track, European standard guage.
117. Transformer Station, brick, 4 meters x 4 meters x 4 meters with red tile, deck-type roof.
118. Turn Table, trolley line led 7 kilometers between this turntable and turntable, Pt. 43.
119. Shack, a small tin shack, which was used as a trolley line control station.
120. Barracks, approximately 10 wood barracks, 60 meters x 40 meters x 4 meters with tar paper covered shed type roof. Barracks were occupied by military personnel. Area around barracks was ~~unbeing prepared for~~ new buildings. [redacted] a new rail line was being laid in this area. 25X1
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121. Wall, brick, 2.2 meters high, 40 centimeter thick, topped with barbed wire. A sign reading "stay clear of this wall if you value your life" was placed on wall.
122. Watch Tower, small wooden tower located on the wall, Pt. 121. Guard was observed in tower.
123. Watch Tower, same as Pt. 122. [redacted] there were one or two other such towers on wall, Pt. 121. 25X1
124. KBW Area. [redacted] there were many buildings in this area [redacted]
125. New Construction. This area was under construction [redacted] the area was to be for civilian use. 25X1

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126. New Construction. This area was under construction. [redacted]
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it could be for military use.
127. Zeronskiego Street, cobble stone, 8 meters wide, good condition.
128. Slowackiego Street, asphalt, 8 meters wide, good condition; street leads north to the Academy of Physical Education where it's name changes to Marmonskiego Street. A trolley line ran parallel to this street.

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Note: Points 129 through 138 concern points of the Akademia Wychowania Fizycznego (Academy of Physical Education) in Bielany. This was a civilian Academy but some Military Personnel took training here (approximately 60 military - number of civilians unknown). [redacted] the course in this academy lasted three years for civilian personnel and one year for the military. Upon graduation, the Military Personnel were Physical Education Officers.

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129. Fence, wire mesh topped with three strands of barbed wire, 2.2 meters high. Enclosed entire Academy area; dimensions unknown.
130. Open Entrance, 6 meters wide; a guard was observed at this entrance.
131. Garden.
132. Buildings, stucco, 3-story, with gable-type roof. Number and dimensions of building unknown. These buildings contained administrative offices and some living quarters.
133. Building, stucco, overall length of various sections of building estimated to be approximately 800 meters. Building varied in height from one to four stories. Other dimensions unknown. Tile gabled roofing. Building sections indicated with letters A through E.

A Section: Male student living quarters.

B Section: The West side contained living quarters for Doctors and Dentists and their offices, laboratories and infirmary; the East section contained living quarters for Military Personnel.

C Section: Military administrative offices, mess hall, canteen, etc.

D Section: Contained physical Education Research Laboratories.

E Section: Contained Central Heating Station, swimming pool, laundry, and some living quarters.

[redacted] the entire building contained many other things such as class rooms, offices, gymnasiums, etc., but could offer no information concerning them.

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134. Building, red brick, 12 meters x 12 meters x 4 meters, with tar paper covered deck type roof. This building contained a Central Telephone Exchange and quarters for guards.
135. Building, L shaped, 4 story, stucco, 80 meters long from north to South, 60 meters from East to West, 40 meters wide, with tile covered gable type roof. This building quartered female

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students.

136. Building Foundation. A new building under construction.
137. Stadium.
138. Stadium.
139. Fire Station, three story, stucco, 80 meters x 30 meters with tile covered gable type roof.
140. Buildings, 3 story, brick, 70 meters x 30 meters with tile gabled roof. Occupied by KBW Personnel and their dependents. There were six to eight buildings in this area with others under construction.
141. Building Foundations - approximately six.
142. Barracks, about 10, both wood and brick in various sizes. KBW Personnel occupied these barracks.
143. Guard Shack, wood, dimensions unknown.
144. Open Entrance - 6 meters wide.
145. Firing Range. This was a small arms firing range utilized by KBW Personnel.
146. Guard Shack and Open Entrance. Small brick building, entrance 5 meters wide, armed guard observed at entrance.
147. Buildings, approximately six or seven, stucco, dimensions unknown. Area was occupied by AAA Unit.
148. Barracks, approximately four or five. Dimensions unknown. Area was occupied by AA Unit.
149. Fort with AAA Positions. [redacted] barrels of 3 AAA guns, caliber unknown. Area was observed from a distance and [redacted] could possibly have additional guns. An unknown number of wooden buildings were located immediately south of this fort. No further information.

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Enclosure: [redacted] Sketch of Warsaw Bemowo Airfield and Surrounding Area.

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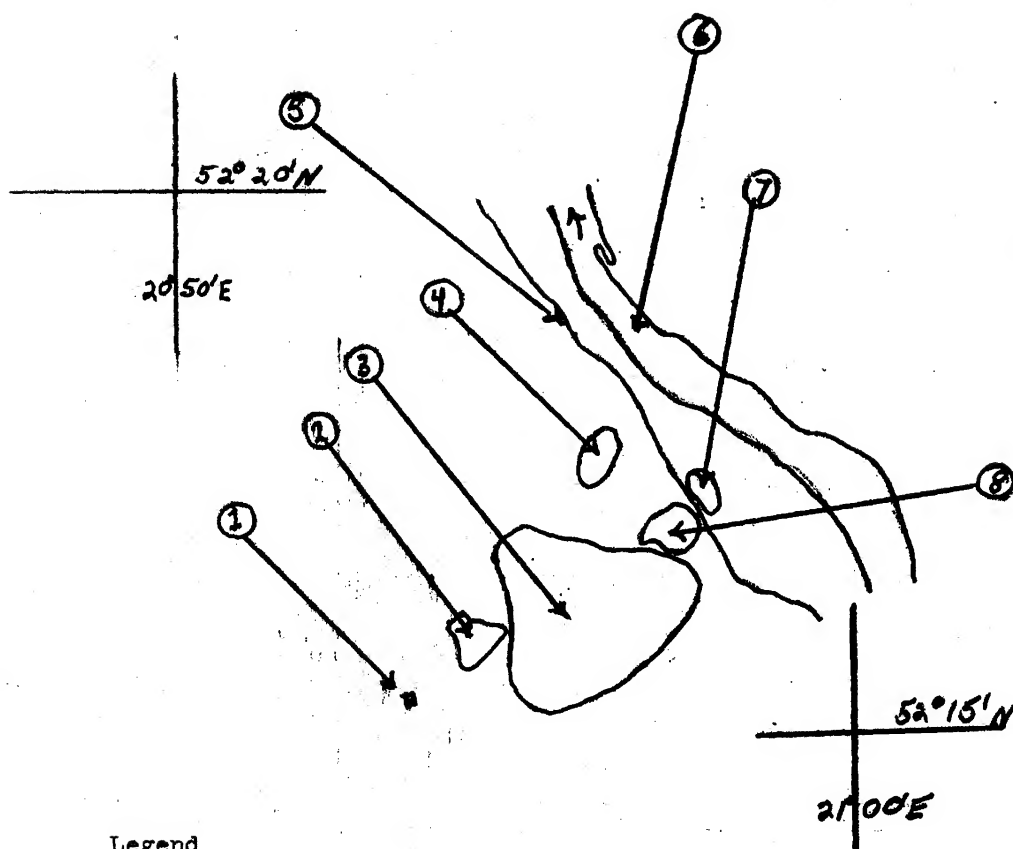
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1. Fort Bema
2. Military Technical Academy
3. Warszawa Bemowa Airfield
4. AAA Unit
5. Marmonskiego Street
6. Wysla River
7. Academy of Physical Education
8. KBW - Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnetrznego - Internal Security Corps Area.

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